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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) San Diego – Man at Center of \$1.5 Million Immigration Fraud Prosecution Flees to Mexico**

(U) Hardev Singh Mohan Singh Panesar, 70, of San Diego, cut off his GPS ankle bracelet last week and fled to Mexico, according to court documents. Panesar, a Sikh born in Kenya who speaks five languages, and is accused of posing as a US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agent and promising more than 100 victims that he could obtain legal immigration status for them or stop their deportation proceedings, for exorbitant fees. Panesar and a co-defendant are accused of flashing a DHS credential, giving victims immigration forms to fill out, and even taking their fingerprints.

SOURCE: 28 June 2018, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) Ventura – Six Arrested and Weapons, Drugs, and Cash Seized in Raid of Ventura-Area Motel

(U) A half-dozen people were arrested last week at a Ventura motel in conjunction with an interagency narcotics investigation, authorities reported yesterday. One of the suspects was in possession of a large amount of meth, heroin, marijuana, and cash believed to be illicit profit from drug sales. Also seized was a sawed-off, short-barrel shotgun and a stolen handgun. The investigation involved the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit, a task force made up of officials from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the Ventura and Simi Valley police departments, and the California Highway Patrol.

SOURCE: 28 June 2018, [VC Star](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Florida – 340 Million Records Exposed in Exactis Breach**

(U) Palm Coast – A major data breach has left roughly 340 million records exposed by data aggregation firm Exactis after information was left on a publicly accessible server. The two terabytes worth of data appears to include the personal details of the individuals listed, including phone numbers, home addresses, email addresses, and other personal information. The type of personal information that was potentially compromised should be concerning to consumers, given the enormous volume of information that is collected, aggregated, and stored by Exactis.

SOURCE: 28 June 2018, [InfoSecurity](#)

(U) Maryland – Capital Gazette Shooting Suspect Charged with First-Degree Murder

(U) Annapolis – Jarrod Warren Ramos, 38—who had once filed a defamation suit against the Capital Gazette newspaper—is accused of opening fire into the newsroom of the Capital Gazette newspaper yesterday afternoon, killing five people and injuring others. The gunman entered the building where the Capital Gazette is housed, armed with a shotgun and smoke grenades, and opened fire, according to police.

SOURCE: 29 June 2018, [CNN](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Massachusetts – Eleven Arrested After Police Bust Heroin Trafficking Ring**

(U) Springfield – Eleven Springfield residents were arrested on 26 June after police busted a large heroin trafficking operation. The Hampden County Narcotics Task Force executed 12 search warrants in the city, seizing about 6,700 bags of heroin, a large amount of cash, multiple vehicles, and three firearms. The arrests follow a months-long investigation into the trafficking of narcotics in Hampden County, according to an official.

SOURCE: 28 June 2018, [WHDH News](#)

(U) New York – Federal Law Enforcement Operation Leads to Arrest of Three Dozen Darkweb Vendors

(U) New York City – The year-long undercover operation "Dark Gold" ended this month with the arrests of 40 darkweb vendors across the country and the seizure of more than 100 guns, more than \$20 million in Bitcoin, \$3.6 million in US currency and gold bars, as well as prescription pills and drugs such as Xanax, Oxycodone, MDMA, cocaine, LSD, and marijuana. A grenade launcher and 333 bottles of liquid synthetic opioids were also seized. The operation targeted darkweb vendors in 'the first nationwide undercover action' of its kind, involving multiple law enforcement agencies.

SOURCE: 28 June 2018, [Daily Mail](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Suspect Charged with Weapons of Mass Destruction

(U) Quakertown – Police arrested David Surman Jr. yesterday following a series of mysterious explosions occurring in the Bucks County area for months. Authorities raided Surman Jr.'s chemical company, along with his private residence. Besides other bombs and chemicals, agents uncovered strange drawings and pictures, some with hate symbols, and others showing Surman Jr. and his girlfriend driving away from a bombing scene. Surman Jr. is being charged with possession of weapons of mass destruction.

SOURCE: 28 June 2018, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Cambodia – Human Trafficking Charge Added to Commercial Surrogacy Case**

(U) Phnom Penh – Five people arrested last week for allegedly providing commercial surrogacy services—any surrogacy arrangement in which the surrogate mother is compensated for her services beyond reimbursement of medical expenses—were charged with human trafficking yesterday, according to officials. Police rescued 33 pregnant surrogates who were allegedly hired by one of the accused individuals. No additional details were provided by Cambodian officials. Developing countries are popular for commercial surrogacy because costs are much lower than in countries such as the United States, where surrogate services can cost around \$150,000.

SOURCE: 28 June 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Germany – Adidas Data-Security Breach Could Involve Millions of Customers

(U) Herzogenaurach – Adidas AG announced yesterday that data involving millions of customers may be in the hands of hackers following a possible security breach of its US website. The incident is the latest in a slew of security breaches at major companies, including Boeing, Delta, Sears, and Under Armour—which in late March disclosed the accounts of about 150 million users of its nutrition-tracking app MyFitnessPal had been hacked.

SOURCE: 28 June 2018, [CBS News](#)

(U) Iraq – Iraq Orders Hundreds of Terrorism Convicts Executed After Dead Hostages Found

(U) Baghdad – Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has ordered the immediate execution of all death row terror convicts after ISIS killed eight hostages, whose bodies were found next to a highway north of Baghdad on 27 June. According to an Iraqi judicial source, more than 300 people have been condemned

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to death for ISIS membership. At least 19,000 people have been detained accused of terrorism offenses, based upon an Associated Press analysis of a spreadsheet of prisoners provided by an anonymous Iraqi official. The real number of prisoners is likely even higher, as many others are being held by military intelligence and Kurdish forces.

SOURCE: 29 June 2018, [Newsweek](#)

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